

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
October 17, 2011**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing was convened at 9:30 A.M., on October 17, 2011 in Board Room 3, Suite 201, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Lane, RN, BSN; Chairperson
Florence Jones-Clarke, RN,, MS

STAFF PRESENT: Jodi P. Power, RN, JD; Deputy Executive Director

OTHERS PRESENT: Amanda Blount, Adjudication Specialist
Two students from VCU Masters in Health Administration Program (joined later)

**CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:** **Tina Wood, CNA 1401-010676**
Ms. Wood did not appear.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Jones-Clarke moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 9:35 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Wood. Additionally, Ms. Jones-Clarke moved that Ms. Power and Ms. Blount attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Committee reconvened in open session at 9:45 A.M.

Ms. Jones-Clarke moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Jones-Clarke moved to reprimand Tina Wood and to offer a consent order for revocation of her nurse aide certificate.
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

This Consent Order shall be effective upon endorsement of its findings, conclusions, and terms of consent by both Ms. Wood and the Board.

**CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:** **Venita Ware, CNA 1401-029139**
Ms. Ware did not appear.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Jones-Clarke moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 9:50 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Ware. Additionally, Ms. Jones-Clarke moved that Ms. Power and Ms. Blount attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Committee reconvened in open session at 9:55 A.M.

Ms. Jones-Clarke moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Jones-Clarke moved to issue an order of reprimand to Venita Ware with a finding of misappropriation of patient property,
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

An Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Ware unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Ware within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the Order shall be vacated.

The students joined meeting.

CONFERENCES SCHEDULED:

Devon Stephens, CNA 1401-136383; RMA 0031-003577

Ms. Stephens was not present at 10:00 A.M. and the proceeding took place in her absence.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Jones-Clarke moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 10:35 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Stephens. Additionally, Ms. Jones-Clarke moved that Ms. Power and Ms. Blount attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Committee reconvened in open session at 10:50 A.M.

Ms. Jones-Clarke moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom

of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Jones-Clarke moved to issue an order of reprimand to Devon Stephens. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Ms. Stephens appeared at 11:50 A.M. The Committee reconvened for reconsideration of the information regarding Ms. Stephens.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Jones-Clarke moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 12:25 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Stephens. Additionally, Ms. Jones-Clarke moved that Ms. Power and Ms. Blount attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Committee reconvened in open session at 12:30 P.M.

Ms. Jones-Clarke moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Jones-Clarke moved to issue an order of reprimand to Devon Stephens. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:

Amber Lawrence, CNA 1401-134401
Ms. Lawrence did not appear.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Jones-Clarke moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 10:57 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Lawrence. Additionally, Ms. Jones-Clarke moved that Ms. Power and Ms. Blount attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Committee reconvened in open session at 11:03 A.M.

Ms. Jones-Clarke moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION:

Ms. Jones-Clarke moved to issue an order of reprimand to Amber Lawrence with a finding misappropriate of patient property. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

An Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Lawrence unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Lawrence within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the Order shall be vacated.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board initially adjourned at 11:05 A.M., reconvened to reconsider a case, and adjourned at 12:30 P.M.

Jodi P. Power, RN, JD
Deputy Executive Director

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
FORMAL HEARINGS
Monday, October 17, 2011**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Virginia Board of Nursing was called to order at 1:41 P.M. on October 17, 2011 in Board Room 3, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico Virginia.

BOARD MEMBERS
PRESENT: Evelyn Lindsay, LPN, Secretary; Chairperson
Jane R. Ingalls, RN, CNS, PhD
Florence Jones-Clarke, RN, MS
Patricia C. Lane, RN, BSN
Kristina Wright, CMT; Massage Therapy Advisory Board Member

STAFF PRESENT: Jodi P. Power, Deputy Executive Director
Brenda Krohn, RN, MS, Deputy Executive Director
Krystal Blanton, Senior Discipline Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT: Rachel Baer, Assistant Attorney General

ESTABLISHMENT OF
A QUORUM: With five members of the Board present, a quorum was established.

FORMAL HEARINGS: **Jeffrey Thompson, CMT 0019-003365**
Mr. Thompson did not appear.

Olivia Exterovich, Adjudication Specialist, represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Baer was legal counsel for the Board. Wanda Blanks, court reporter, recorded the proceedings.

Jennifer Challis, Senior Investigator, Department of Health Professions; Emily Dowling, massage therapy client; and Claire Gruenfelder, HR Director were present and testified.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Lane moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 2:36 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Mr. Thompson. Additionally, Ms. Lane moved that Ms. Power, Ms. Krohn, Ms. Blanton and Ms. Blanton attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary and their presence will aid the Board in its deliberations.
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 3:45 P.M.

Ms. Jones-Clarke moved that the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting

requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Ms. Lane moved that the Board of Nursing accept the findings of fact and conclusions of law as presented by Ms. Exterovich and amended by the Board.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION:

Ms. Wright moved that the Board of Nursing continue the massage therapy certification of Jeffrey Thompson on indefinite suspension and indefinitely suspend the right to renew the certification until such time as Mr. Thompson can appear before the Board and demonstrate that he is safe and competent to return to practice. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

This decision shall be effective upon the entry by the Board of a written Order stating the findings, conclusions, and decision of this formal hearing panel.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

Brenda Krohn, RN, MS
Deputy Executive Director